(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when this approval will be given?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) Maharashtra Special Economic Zones and Designated Areas Bill, 2004 was sent by the Maharashtra Government for approval of the Government of India.

(b) The Bill seeks to enact a special legislation to provide for the development, operation, maintenance, management and administration of Special Economic Zones and other specially designated areas in the State of Maharashtra for promoting growth of exports and economic activities in such zones or areas.

(c) The Government of Maharashtra was informed on 11.11.2005 that the Parliament has passed the Speical Economic Zone Act, 2005. Since the Central Act will prevail over the State Act, even if it is enacted, the Maharashtra Special Economic Zone and Designated Areas Bill, 2004 has been closed by the Minsitry of Home Affairs. However, if the State Government requires any amendment to the Central SEZ Act, 2005 to meet their local requirements, they have been advised to forward an amending Bill for consideration of the Government of India.

Chinese goods in Indian market

†2311. SHRI SURENDRA LATH:
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether China made items are prevailing at large scale in the country, particularly in North-Eastern States;

(b) if so, the details of the imported items in the last three years and what provisions have been laid by Government to import items from China;

(c) whether the demand of Chinese items has increased in the country, particulalry in the North-Eastern States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and what measures have been taken to protect the market of India made items?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) The details of import from China during the last three years are as under:

(Value in Rs. Crores)

Principal Commodities	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Electronic Goods	3920.29	6344.90	9278.23
Coal, Coke and Briquittes Etc.	12.07	1015.14	3498.36
Organic Chemcials	334.28	2172.60	2720.26
Machry Except Elec & Electronic	510.16	845.01	1903.13
Others Commodities	8735.34	8247.48	13013.82
Total Import From China	13512.15	18625.14	30413.79

The region-wise absorption of items are not documented.

(c) and (d) The overall demand of Chinese items has increased as reflected in the import date given above. The region-wise demand is not maintained.

It is the continuous endeavour of Government to increase the competitive efficiency of Indian industry as well as to initiate countervailing/ anti dumping action in appropriate cases.

Shortage of civilian personnel in Navy

2312. SHRI THENNALA G. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Navy is under acute shortage of civilian personnel to man its major projects of Karwar and Ezhimala, totalling 2000 personnel;

(b) whether the Navy has taken up with Government, its demand for enhancement in strength of civilian personnel, to man projects of strategic importance; and

(c) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) (a) No, Sir.